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Storm knocks out power to 10,000

WINDY Hydro Ottawa crews spent most of yesterday trying to repair the damages from Saturday's windstorm that left around 10,000 homes without power across the city.

Most of the damages were from trees knocking down power lines, which meant crews had to search for specific areas and isolate the damaged lines.

The remaining powerless pockets were mostly along the rivers in the areas of Crystal Beach, Britannia, Rockcliffe, Beachwood and Montreal Road.

After the storm Saturday night, Hydro Ottawa was reporting around 10,000 homes without power.

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The Great Shave Off event



Robyn Fraser shaves off Marc Labreque's eyebrows during the Great Shave Off in support of breast cancer at The Guy Show at Lansdowne Park yesterday. **More coverage, pg 3**

Harmonized sales tax leaves Grits in a lurch

POLITICS Spooked by a brewing backlash over Ontario's move to a new harmonized sales tax, the Liberals are scrambling.

The combined sales tax doesn't even come in to effect until next year, but already is proving to be such a bust with Ontarians that Premier Dalton McGuinty is giving ministers new marching orders to go out and aggressively sell it, Torstar News Service has learned.

McGuinty is forcing his cabinet to go on a communications

blitz to promote the move that will see Ontario blend its eight per cent provincial sales tax Dalton McGuinty with the five per cent Goods and Services Tax.

The blended tax, to take effect July 1, 2010, will see Ontarians pay a 13 per cent consumption on hundreds of items that had previously only been subject to the five per cent GST. That means the price of a long list of goods, from gasoline, heating fuel, fast food, newspapers, magazines, taxi fares, dry cleaning, to many new homes, among other things, will rise.

Fallout was evident last week as MPPs returned to Queen's Park following the Easter break. A week off in their ridings, listening to constituents' concerns about the revamped tax, left some Liberal members worried about their chances in the next election, in 2011.

Against the nervousness in the Liberal caucus, McGuinty's office has ordered his cabinet to take action. After a closed-door meeting of communication advisers Friday, media staff spent the weekend adapting centrally crafted messages so each minister can discuss the merits of the new tax as it relates to his or her department in every speech and public appearance going forward.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Swine flu arrives

Six Canadians infected with virus that has killed 103 in Mexico

Canada reported its first confirmed cases of swine flu yesterday at opposite ends of the country, including two in British Columbia and four in Nova Scotia.

Health officials in both provinces said all the cases involved only mild illness, and the people either contracted the virus because they had recently travelled to Mexico or had contact with someone who had been there.

Even so, health officials urged people to take precautions such as frequent hand washing and said

"As we continue to ramp up our surveillance efforts, these cases are likely not the last we'll see in Canada."

Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq

they would take whatever actions are necessary to protect the public.

"The swine flu symptoms seen in Canada have thankfully been relatively mild and the patients are recovering," Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq told a media briefing.

"As we continue to ramp up our surveillance

efforts, these cases are likely not the last we'll see in Canada."

Millions of Mexicans stayed indoors to avoid a virus that has already killed 103 people there and new infections in the United States fanned fears of a global swine flu pandemic.

Nova Scotia health offi-

cials said the four cases there were at a school where students had recently travelled to Mexico.

"These cases are mild. No one in Nova Scotia has been hospitalized because of the illness. All those who have been affected are recovering," Dr Robert Strang, chief public health officer for Nova Scotia, told a televised news conference.

The B.C. cases are also considered to be mild and were linked to travel.

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MORE COVERAGE, PG 6

The City of Ottawa is asking that residents stay off sports fields and ball diamonds for a few more days, in order to give the turf more time to grow ahead of the summer sports season. Ball diamonds will officially open this Friday. Sports fields will open Friday, May 15. CITY OF OTTAWA

Local



May 5 meeting on Stanley Park contamination

Lead and hydrocarbons are contaminating the soil in New Edinburgh's Stanley Park, and area residents are invited to a May 5 information meeting, Jean Wolff, spokesman for the National Capital Commission, said yesterday. The NCC has fenced off the contaminated zone, which was an industrial waste disposal area in the 1890s, and residents are advised not to dig in the soil, although areas where vegetation is intact do not pose a risk, Wolff said. The meeting at the Aviation Museum starts at 7:30 p.m.

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News in brief

FIRE Firefighters fought two commercial fires yesterday. At around 9:40 a.m. a fire began in a grocery store basement in a retail complex at 1775 Bank St. Fire crews contained the fire, but there was extensive smoke. Damages are estimated at around \$120,000. At 11:25 a.m. crews responded to a fire at a restaurant in the 700 block of Gladstone Avenue and had it under control within 30 minutes. No one was hurt in the fires which are under investigation.

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These results are not official.

MS Walk raises \$340K

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Most years Dan Bottiglia runs the five-kilometre loop of the MS Walk, but this year an old hip injury flared up forcing him to take it easy.

So he walked the course with his family and other members of Team Bottiglia, which included around 60 people.

For the last five years, Team Bottiglia has been one of the top fundraising teams in Ottawa, bringing in over \$10,000 each year.

Dan Bottiglia, a physical education teacher at Deslauriers High School, was 31 years old when he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) in 2004.

Most people who have MS are diagnosed between the ages of 15 and 40. It is the most common neurological disease among young adults in Canada.

Bottiglia's diagnosis came after he woke up one morning with double vision. He couldn't really see anything and he'd lost his balance.

Other common symptoms include impaired speech, extreme fatigue and paralysis.

After the diagnosis, Bottiglia started taking drug therapy and he said the symptoms have not reappeared.



Dan Bottiglia, 35, a physical education teacher at Deslauriers High School carries his daughter Amelie, 6, and nephew Justin St. Denis, 4, during the MS Walk at the Experimental Farm yesterday.

"Since I've been diagnosed they've made huge improvements in research and medication. So I think we're getting there," he said. "I really like participating in this walk because a large percentage of the funds raised goes toward research."

Yesterday, more than 1,400 walkers and 100 volunteers gathered at the Central Experimental Farm

to raise more than \$340,000 for the Ottawa chapter of MS Society of Canada.

This was \$25,000 more than the year before and 100 more walkers.

"It seems every time we hear about crunches in the economy, we seem to go up in the number of people and the money raised. It's great for the society," said Mark Lloyd, chair of the Ottawa chapter of the MS Walk.

Feds giving \$300 to Retire Your (old) Ride

KATHRYN YOUNG
for Metro Ottawa

Still driving around in that old clunker?

If it's a 1995 model year or older, you could get it towed for free, recycled and get \$300 back through the federally funded Retire Your Ride program.

Ottawa resident Heather Smith turned in her 1990 Chevy Corsica when it reached the end of its useful life. After calling several wreckers who offered only \$50, she heard about the program and signed up online.

"It was becoming a polluting vehicle and I really didn't want to drive it any more," said Smith, who has a degree in environmental studies. "I knew it had to go. They came very quickly to tow it away."

Smith is one of 1,600 car owners who have participated in Retire Your Ride since it began in February with \$92 million from the federal government, said Fatima Dharsee, executive director of Ontario's Clean Air Foundation, which administers the two-year program coun-

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trywide with the help of other groups in each province. Before February, there were a number of provincial and federal initiatives to get old clunkers off the road.

"We've really all banded together and come under one umbrella," she explained. Federal fund-

ing means participants get a \$300 reward for retiring their ride, plus there are required training and site visits (rather than voluntary guidelines) for vehicle recyclers.

Vehicles must be in running condition as well as registered and insured for the last six months. Between 75 and 80 per cent of a car can be recycled.

"People are surprised to hear that," Dharsee said.

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New provost at Carleton

Peter Ricketts will become Carleton University's new provost and vice-president of academics starting July 1, Carleton president Roseann O'Reilly Runte announced last week. Ricketts, now vice-president at Nipissing University in North Bay, has a background and expertise in environmental studies. **CARLETON UNIVERSITY**

Volunteers trash river junk

KATHRYN YOUNG
for Metro Ottawa

Cigarette butts were the most numerous, but plastic bags and wrappers made up the bulk of garbage picked up yesterday by dozens of volunteers along the Ottawa River shoreline.

The mix also included

single-use water bottles, their caps, beer bottles, wine bottles, coffee cups, rope, diapers, styrofoam, candy wrappers, two bicycles, a couple of tires, used firecrackers, syringes, a dead seagull, a sign and a strange large plastic object bobbing just offshore that could have been a bleached traffic cone.

"If anyone did an archeological dig, they'd find Ottawa people ate nothing but junk food and drank nothing but liquor," said Phil Cutfield, wearing

work gloves and carrying two garbage bags — one for recyclables and the other for trash. "It boggles the mind how much would accumulate (if no one cleaned up each spring)."

Delphine Hasle, outreach director for Ottawa Riverkeeper, which organized the Ontario-side cleanup, said more garbage was picked up this

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Phil Cutfield

year than last, although the amount varies depending on the water level, which is high this year.

However, volunteers

prised they didn't find more than they did.

"It's not nearly as bad as what I expected," said Judy Toombs, who volunteered along with a group from Adobe Systems, where she works. "Maybe that's a sad comment, that I expected more."

"I think we were surprised we didn't find a



Judy Toombs expected more garbage during yesterday's Ottawa River shoreline cleanup, but she still found more than enough cigarette butts, plastic bottles and grocery bags.

whole lot more," said Paul Hubley, who volunteered with co-workers Kelsa Staffa, Keith Brown and Craig Beaton from Terrapex Environmental Ltd., an environmental remediation firm.

"We had to work for this," he said, indicating

several bags that were not quite full.

"Thanks for cleaning," a jogger called out to the Terrapex group.

Cutfield encouraged Metro readers to recycle their newspaper so it doesn't end up blowing into the river.

Guy show not for boobs

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There were cars, tools, hockey, paintball and a few women in short skirts, but they were not the focus of The Guy Show. After all it's not the dumb guy show.

"It's a much more intelligent group of guys. We're going to have 15,000 people here this weekend and we don't have to run bikini contests to pull them in," said organizer Einar Murchison. "It says a lot for the city that we could have this great mix of things and people around."

Now in its third year, Murchison said they are trying to make The Guy Show more interactive than a series of booths set up to sell merchandise.

To that end they've

brought in mixed martial artists to do demonstrations and set up an indoor paintball area at one end of The Civic Centre. They brought in tons of dirt to build an ATV course beside Aberdeen Pavilion.

Despite all that, Antonio Caycedu found the atmosphere subdued.

"There are not that many things you can participate in," he said. "In Montreal, the Formula 1 grand prix has something similar, but it's a lot more exciting."

While the show is obviously targeted at guys, the crowd yesterday was not overwhelmingly male.

That may have been due to the Great Shave-Off, in which more than 100 men shaved their heads and raised funds for breast cancer.

News in brief

CRACKDOWN A three-day crackdown on unruly behaviour by Ottawa police and other local enforcement agencies resulted in 741 provincial offence notices and 27 criminal charges including three for impaired driving and 15 for prostitution in the

downtown core, Ottawa Police Service said yesterday. Four bars were charged with overcrowding and serving minors while the Fire Inspector Office found 15 fire code violations in licensed establishments from Thursday to Saturday.

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Winnipeg's virology laboratory is playing a leading role in the swine flu outbreak that has been blamed for several deaths in Mexico. The National Microbiology lab has found the 16 positive cases among specimens sent from Mexico for testing. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Jean wants co-operation

Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean called on Saturday for intensified energy co-operation with Ukraine, including in the nuclear sphere, to help it achieve energy self-sufficiency. Jean, interviewed during a state visit to Ukraine, also said it was up to Canada and other industrialized nations to help Ukraine find permanent solutions to the dire, long-lasting consequences of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

REUTERS

Infrastructure rules won't change: MPP

POLITICS Infrastructure Minister George Smitherman says the rules surrounding a new \$4-billion infrastructure fund are designed to jump-start the economy, so the criteria won't be changed.

Some municipalities including Toronto have expressed concern about the requirement that all work must be completed by March 31, 2011, with half the money spent by March 2010, saying it may limit the types of projects. The

rules also stipulate that the projects cannot currently be on the books, and costs would be shared equally among three levels of government.

Toronto is seeking money for transit projects including millions to buy 204 new streetcars, but that contract, which will be debated at a TTC meeting today, would not meet the current criteria because the vehicles would be delivered over many years. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

U.S. official to meet Canada, China on trade

KIRK U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk will meet today with counterparts from the United States' top two trading partners, Canada and China, and with Pakistani Finance Minister Shaukat Tarin.

The back-to-back talks occur as a number of foreign officials appear in Washington this weekend for the annual spring meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Kirk, who has been in his job for only a month, is under pressure from Congress to make progress in reducing the large and persistent U.S.

Day participants

- Trade Minister Stockwell Day will be first on U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk's list of meetings today. Canada accounted for 17.6 per cent of total U.S. trade last year, or \$597 billion U.S. That was ahead of China's 12 per cent, or \$409.2 billion.

trade deficit with China, which hit a record \$266.3 billion in 2008. In his first major policy speech this week, Kirk vowed to use "all of the tools" at his disposal.

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PM's pal gets choice post

Harper accused of political cronyism after appointing friend

One of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's oldest and closest friends has again been awarded a government posting amid charges of political cronyism.

John Weissenberger, who was recently appointed to the three-year term with the Canada Foundation for Innovation, set off a storm of controversy when he was named chief of staff to Citizenship and Immigration Minister Diane Finley in 2007.

A geologist, Weissenberger took the job

with Finley after resigning under pressure from another controversial posting to a judicial advisory committee.

The CFI is an independent corporation established in 1997 by the federal government to strengthen Canadian capacity for research.

It is responsible for investing hundreds of millions of dollars in the development of research infrastructure.

NDP MP Pat Martin said yesterday this kind of blatant patronage offends the

sensibilities of Canadians almost as much as out and out corruption does.

"Harper never promised an end to patronage but he did promise an appointments review commission and that's one of his biggest failures of his administration in my view," Martin said.

Weissenberger will be paid \$5,000 a year plus a per diem of \$750 when the CFI board meets, which is usually three times a year.

Industry Minister Tony Clement said Weissenberger's extensive manage-

ment experience will greatly complement the work undertaken by the CFI and support the foundation's "world-class research capacity."

Liberal MP Marc Garneau said he was concerned both with Weissenberger's strong personal friendship with the Prime Minister and the fact "this man is a very serious climate change skeptic, if not an outright denier."

"I'm very concerned about the fact the process was not open," he said.

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Talks in hostage situation break down

SUDAN Kidnappers holding two foreign aid workers in western Sudan's volatile Darfur region said on Saturday talks with the government of neighbouring Chad had stalled.

Canadian Stephanie Joidon and Frenchwoman Claire Dubois were seized at gunpoint from their compound in the south Darfur settlement of Ed el Fursan on April 4. Their kidnappers want Paris to retry members of Zoe's Ark, a French humanitarian group, convicted but later pardoned over the abduction of children from Chad.

"The negotiations were not successful. Tension will rise in this situation," an unidentified kidnapper said.

"The delegation returned yesterday because we wanted to guarantee its safety."

Earlier this week, the group calling itself the Freedom Eagles of Africa said a team would meet a senior Chad official for talks. The kidnapper said Dubois was ill and her health was deteriorating.

"The French hostage isn't in good condition and still has diarrhea. The hostages are eating one meal a day and we are drinking out of unhealthy wells," the kidnapper said.

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Toronto Khalsa Day parade



More than 70,000 people descended on Toronto to celebrate that city's annual Sikh Khalsa Day parade. The day celebrates the anniversary of the founding of the Sikh Order of the Khalsa by guru Gobind Singh.

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Archeologists have unearthed a cache of pharaonic-era mummies in brightly painted wooden coffins near Egypt's little-known Lahun pyramid. The mummies were the first to be found in the sand-covered desert rock surrounding the 4,000-year-old pyramid. The team expects to announce more finds soon. **REUTERS**

World



Pork groups warn barn workers

U.S. pork groups have issued specific precautions about swine flu after an outbreak in Mexico killed 103 people and spread to the U.S. There is no evidence that any of the cases stemmed from contact with pigs, but because people and pigs can pass flu viruses to each other, pigs and barn workers should be vaccinated for seasonal flus, and sick employees should stay away from barns, the groups said. **REUTERS**

Swine flu epidemic fears rise worldwide

Fears of a global swine flu pandemic grew with new infections in the United States and Canada yesterday as the world raised its defences against a virus that has already killed up to 103 people in Mexico.

While the only deaths have been in Mexico, the flu is spreading with 20 cases in the United States and seven in Canada, and possible cases in Europe and New Zealand.

Several major U.S. airlines are allowing customers to change travel plans to Mexico without any fee or penalty after a swine flu outbreak, but they said yesterday that there had been no flight cancellations so far.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg confirmed that eight schoolchildren there had caught the swine flu virus, although the cases were mild and the illness did not appear to be

Two-thirds healthy

• Two-thirds of the roughly 1,300 people in Mexico suspected of being infected with a fatal new strain of swine flu have been given a clean bill of health and sent home from the hospital. Nearly 400 others with flu-like symptoms were in hospitals being checked.

spreading rapidly.

Twelve cases have been confirmed in California, Kansas, Texas and Ohio, and the U.S. government has declared a public health emergency. Officials also said they would release a quarter of the U.S. stockpile of the antiviral drugs Tamiflu and Relenza, both of which have been shown to be effective against the new swine flu.

In New Zealand, 10 students from a school party that had been in Mexico



A woman gets her throat checked by medical personnel before entering a bar in Mexico City yesterday. A new flu virus that has killed dozens of people in Mexico has ignited fears of an epidemic, and some bars have hired medical staff to inspect patrons at the door as people become increasingly afraid of going out in public.

were being tested after showing symptoms.

The new flu strain, a

mixture of four different viruses, poses the biggest risk of a large-scale pan-

demic since avian flu surfaced in 1997, killing several hundred people. **REUTERS**

Nations raise their guard

• A WHO official said Middle East countries should monitor visitors from the U.S. and Mexico, but it was not necessary to impose quarantine on all incoming travellers from there.
• The UAE was also considering banning pork products from Mexico and the U.S.
• Russia imposed curbs on meat imports from Mexico, a number of U.S. states and the Caribbean.
• Four people were being checked after arriving in France from Mexico with symptoms, and three people flying to Spain were hospitalized. Test results for those cases are forthcoming.

Italian cruise ship foils pirates with guns, hose

NAIROBI An Italian cruise ship used guns and a fire-hose to beat off an attack by pirates off the east African coast, the vessel's captain said yesterday.

Pirates also freed a Yemeni-owned tanker, the Sea Princess II, a Kenyan official said yesterday.

Cmdr. Ciro Pinto of the MSC Melody, which has a capacity of 1,500 passengers and crew, said his ship was slightly damaged by firing from the pirates.

The ship came under attack when it was 960 kilometres off the Somali coast. Pinto said pistols were handed out to security staff and they opened fire on the pirates when they tried to clamber up the sides of the ship.

"They tried to put up a

\$1.9M ransom

• Another ship was let free on Saturday, after a \$1.9 million ransom payment.

ladder with hooks. They were climbing up, so we reacted. We started firing. When they saw us firing — we even sprayed them with water with the fire-hose — they gave up and went off," Pinto said.

Pirates also released a Yemeni-owned tanker yesterday. The vessel was seized on Jan. 2 and was carrying petroleum products. It had 15 crew members, including eight Indian seamen. Officials said a ransom was likely paid, but it is unknown how much. **REUTERS**

Mexico City grinds to a halt amid panic over virus

OUTBREAK One of the world's biggest cities slowed to a snail's pace yesterday as millions in the Mexican capital hid indoors from a flu virus that has killed 103 people.

The Roman Catholic faithful listened to mass on the radio rather than go to church and a professional soccer game was played in an empty stadium in a lock-down of a chaotic city of 20 million people.

Empty seats

• Fans were banned at a professional league soccer game between the popular Pumas and Chivas teams yesterday, under a government recommendation against large crowds gathering.

"This is the first time I've left the house in two days. I had to get some air," said

Juan Casiano, a 39-year-old office worker, while walking briskly through a park. "But I'm going to stay the rest of the day inside."

Most of the deaths caused by the virus have been in and around the capital, one of Latin America's most important centres of business, government, culture and tourism.

Bars and nightclubs were ordered shut for 10 days and on Saturday night

streets usually packed with revellers were empty with improvised signs on the darkened windows advising revellers to stay away.

Some bars tried to skirt the requirements to let drinkers in, hiring medical personnel to take their temperatures outside and promising to turn away anyone with a fever.

Soldiers gave out surgical masks all around the city. **REUTERS**

Tamil Tigers' ceasefire a 'joke': Sri Lankan official

COLOMBO Sri Lanka's Tamil Tiger rebels declared a unilateral ceasefire yesterday, with the military having surrounded them in a tiny area along with thousands of civilians, but the move was immediately rejected by the government.

Sri Lanka responded by saying the rebels must either surrender or be de-

stroyed.

"That is a joke. They were not fighting with us, they were running from us. There is no need of a ceasefire. They must surrender. That is it," Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa told Reuters.

The top UN humanitarian official John Holmes arrived in Sri Lanka on Satur-

day amid rising pressure on the LTTE to surrender, and Sri Lanka to halt its offensive to wipe out a foe it has fought since 1983.

Tens of thousands of civilians remain trapped in a former army-declared no-fire zone that has become the final battleground in Asia's longest-running war. **REUTERS**

Berlin 'pro-religion' school referendum soundly defeated

GERMANY A plan to give religion lessons the same status as ethics classes in schools was defeated in a referendum yesterday.

Secular ethics has been a compulsory topic in Berlin since 2006 after the "honour killing" of a Turkish woman murdered by her brother because of her western lifestyle. Religion, compulsory in most other German states, is only optional in the capital.

Advocates wanted to let pupils choose between ethics and religion, with Muslims, Catholics and Protestants taught separately. **REUTERS**

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News in brief

DUBAI Al-Qaida's North African wing threatened yesterday to kill a British hostage if Britain did not release a Jordanian Islamist, Sheikh Abu Qatada, it was holding. In a posting on an Islamist website, the group issued a 20-day warning, after

which they said they would kill the hostage. Abu Qatada, named by a Spanish judge as network head Osama bin Laden's right-hand man in Europe, has been held since 2005. He denies belonging to the group.

ICELAND The recently elected Social Democrats began negotiating over a centre-left government coalition yesterday with plans to push for European Union membership talks for the crisis-hit nation. **REUTERS**

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The drumroll, please

Results are in for Choose Anne A Hobby contest

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Anne Hines

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The results of our Choose Anne A Hobby contest are in. I've received messages suggesting I try everything from motorcycle repair to mosaic making, Chinese calligraphy to duplicate bridge.

What I've learned this week is that Metro readers are interesting, smart, often hilarious and it's a darn shame my partner, Liz, says I'm not allowed to invite every one of you over for dinner.

I was encouraged by the number of readers who think I can be given pointy objects such as scissors and knitting needles without bad things happening. And everyone suggested I pick a

hobby I'm passionate about. Unfortunately, eating uncooked cookie dough and sleeping late aren't really hobbies.

The award for "most likely to land me in jail" was a tie. R.H. suggested cutting words from magazines and fashioning them into ransom notes as a fun, affordable hobby. R.H., I'll need your home address so I can pass it on to the ... um ... to some friends.

Another reader encouraged me to take up sketching, noting this is inexpensive if I "borrow" paper and pens from my employer. I'm a student minister. "Borrowing" office supplies is not an option. Besides, they

won't give me a key to the supply cupboard.

David from Vancouver suggested I start a blog to promote my books, but I'm not very comfortable with self-promotion. I would never announce, for example, that I have a new book coming out this fall, (non-fiction humour, titled Parting Gifts: Notes

On Loss, Love And Life, published by McArthur & Co. Please, please buy a copy and I'll clean your house). It's just not me.

Mary Kuipers voted that I paint rocks and place them around my flower garden.

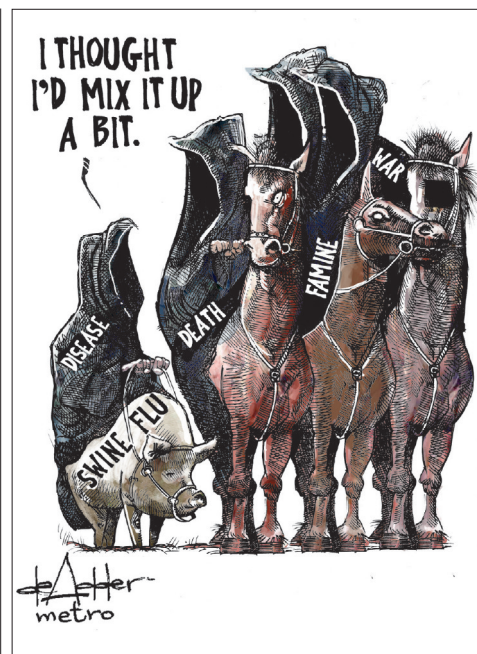
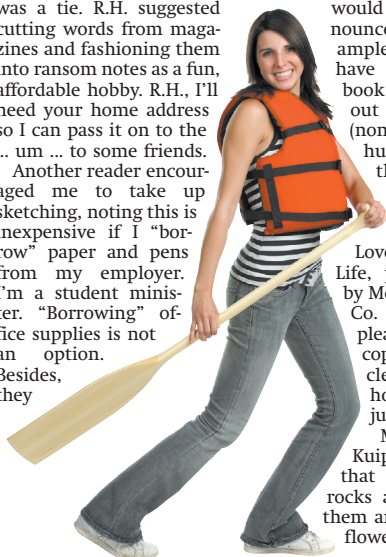
I like this. I could paint "No Squirrels Allowed," though "Squirrel Buffet" would be more accurate.

Ziggy in Toronto said her hobby is collecting free samples. Ziggy's scores include free cookies, spray mist, lotion, condoms and pairs of underwear. There's just no bad part of free underwear.

But a winner must be chosen. It is Colleen Kenny, who asked, "How about dragon boating?" How about it, indeed? It's got "spunky urban warrior woman" written all over it. If not, the T-shirt I plan to get certainly will.

So, the prize of a Metro pen and chocolates goes to Colleen. Let's hope this doesn't change her. And my sincere thanks to you all. The only thing more fun than doing my new hobby may have been choosing it.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.



Letters

Pot comment reinforces stigma and myth

Re: Canadian outdoor NHL game? Only in Alberta (April 23).

Although I agree the Rideau Canal would be a dumb place for an outdoor NHL game, as a federally licensed medical marijuana user who is also married to one, I take deep offence to the comment. "My advice to them would be to not smoke marijuana before making suggestions for where the Ottawa Senators play outdoor games."

This comment reinforces the stigma and scientifically false myth that pot use makes people stupid or insane.

Sure, it was probably just meant for levity, but it was used at the expense of people who use marijuana for medicine, and it is little things like this that makes our lives that much harder.

If anything, the idea for a Rideau Canal NHL game probably came from some beer-headed jock.

RUSSELL BARTH, PATIENTS AGAINST IGNORANCE AND DISCRIMINATION ON CANNABIS

Worth mentioning

Karzai admits mistake: Activists

Afghan President Hamid Karzai told women activists yesterday he had signed a law that caused an international outcry over its effect on women's rights because he had not read it properly, the activists said.

Karzai has ordered the Justice Ministry to review the Shiite Personal Status Law, which he signed two months ago.

The law, which applies

to a Shiite Muslim community that makes up about 15 per cent of the population, requires women to satisfy their husbands' sexual desires, which some critics say could be used to justify marital rape.

It sparked an outcry from leaders of Western countries with troops in Afghanistan, including U.S. President Barack Obama, who called it "abhorrent."

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Views

The tragi-comedy that is OC Transpo

InTransit

John Holmes

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This is my last In Transit column before I leave Ottawa for pastures new. In closing, I'd like to relate a story that epitomizes the tragi-comedy OC Transpo seems to have become during my six-month tenure.

Last week, my companion informed me the bus stop at Bank and Catherine is positioned just so that when the back door of the bus opens, you step out directly into a thick wire

holding up a telephone pole.

"It's dangerous. Someone could get seriously hurt," she said as we prepared to disembark. Spotting the danger, I bent down to get myself under the offending wire. Despite her own warnings, she stepped right into it, leaving her embarrassed and with a nasty red mark on her forehead.

It's easy to poke fun at OC Transpo when it makes such rudimentary errors. For each small mistake like the Bank and Catherine bus stop, there's a major one, such as ordering a fleet of faulty buses. Or cancelling a \$1-billion rail extension, only to face almost \$300 million worth of lawsuits.

OC Transpo isn't a bril-

liant system. But, in reality, it's not an awful one either. It's classic Ottawa, and epitomizes the lack of ambition at the heart of the city's municipal politics. Continued administrative bungling gives the impression the transit network is worse than it actually is. But make no mistake, we could do better.

I've heard voices calling for radical reform of our municipal politics. Even as a non-native of Ottawa, I can't help but agree. Firstly, it has to stop the silly mistakes that have turned OC Transpo into a laughing stock. Then it must shatter complacency and break the city free from its inertia.

That inertia, currently ex-

acerbated by the urban-suburban divide in council, consistently derails attempts to improve the city. Through the National Capital Commission, the federal government has invested heavily over the decades.

Transit suffers most. Council debates about the strike and the transit master plan were frustrating and took a long time to get anywhere. This city has long needed major transit investment to build a system fit to cope with increased ridership. It also needs a new style of leadership to help that come to pass.

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Going Green

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Litter affects us all

A Toronto woman has begun a campaign in an attempt to resolve the country's litter problem. Benita Grist's message is simple: Litter affects all of us, even you.

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Share your green parenting tips

Meeting a baby's needs and being eco-friendly at the same time can be trying

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen



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Another Earth Day has come and gone. Well, we hope it hasn't gone in spirit.

We've been on hiatus and it kind of feels like we slept through Earth Day this year, although the reality is that we've barely slept at all. We deliberately try to maintain some personal distance in these articles for objectivity, but the inspiration for this article (and the reason for the hiatus and sleepless nights) is highly personal.

We've just welcomed our first child, a beautiful daughter, and we actually celebrated our Earth Day trying to fit an eight-pound infant into a 15-pound cloth diaper.

Looking into those big eyes peering out at us over the waistband of her diaper, we realized two things: 1) The cloth diaper would need a breathing hole; and 2) Earth Day and all that it represents suddenly means much more. It's easier to be blasé about future generations when they are not wearing your genes.

The irony, and I think other new parents may appreciate this, is that while we view a clean and healthy environment as her birthright, meeting her immediate needs can have the opposite effect, at least in the short term. Given that the breathing

hole idea has not panned out, we are using disposables until her neck, at least, protrudes from the cloth diaper. Our trash output for the past three weeks has been on par with the previous three months, and it is with a sense of shame that we haul it to the curb on trash days.

The other thing we've learned about babies is they like to be warm. We're a bit notorious for keeping the house cold all winter and hot in the summer. Somehow, we can't get her to buy in. She just doesn't under-



stand when we tell her to stop whining and put on a sweater.

And babies mean laundry. Lots of laundry, which will only pick up once the disposable diapers can be disposed of. We now get why adult laundry soap comes in small bottles and baby laundry soap comes in huge bottles. It will be a banner day when she outweighs her laundry soap.

Of course, having a baby also means less travelling, less eating out, less watching TV and working on the computer (really, I'm not just playing games). So maybe it balances

out, but we'd really like to be doing better for her world.

Anyway, the point of this article is not to complain, because although we are now zombies, there are no happier zombies anywhere. The purpose is to invite you to share some of your green parenting tips. It would be a big help to us, and we would love to share some ideas in a future column.

So tell us, what changes have you made to your lifestyle since having kids that cut down on energy use, laundry, trash output, etc. We'd love to know so we can stop hiding our trash in our neighbours' bins (just kidding, Gilmores).

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News in brief

LAW Global warming activist Al Gore on Friday urged passage this year of a U.S. law to slash greenhouse emissions, saying failure to pass legislation could cause the collapse of world climate negotiations. Gore, former U.S. vice-president and star of the Oscar-winning documentary film *An Inconvenient*

Truth, told members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee that passing a climate law is a "moral imperative" that will affect U.S. standing in the world community. "Once we find the moral courage to take on this issue, the rest of the world will come along," Gore said. **REUTERS**

U.S. seeks reins in new set of climate talks

The United States hopes to take the reins of international efforts to battle global warming this week with a meeting of major economies aimed at facilitating a UN pact to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

U.S. President Barack Obama called the meeting last month to relaunch a process that began under his predecessor, George W. Bush, whose commitment to curbing climate change was viewed with skepticism by much of the world.

The stakes are higher now. The Kyoto Protocol, which caps greenhouse gas emissions, runs out in 2012 and leaders from around the globe will gather in Copenhagen in December to forge a successor treaty. Environmentalists hope renewed engagement by the United States and Obama's push for U.S. leadership on the issue will result in a deal.

The White House

views this week's meeting in Washington, which groups 16 major economies including the European Union and the United Nations, as an avenue toward securing a broader pact — a goal many believed Bush did not share.

"The Bush administration obviously had a completely different approach to this issue than we do," Todd Stern, the U.S. special envoy for climate change, told Reuters, adding Obama wanted to invigorate the forum with more substance.

"They were not fundamentally looking

for an international agreement," he said of the Bush administration. "We are looking for an international agreement and we're looking for co-operation at a significant, we hope, transformative level."

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is scheduled to make opening remarks today. Officials said participants

would discuss co-operation on technology and other issues.

Bush began the major economies forum in 2007, but the initiative was marred by concern among participating countries that he was trying to circumvent wider United Nations talks.

"Nobody took him se-

Participants

• The major economies include: Canada, Australia, Brazil, Britain, China, the European Union, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Russia, South Africa and the United States. Denmark, which is hosting the UN meeting in December, was also invited.

riously because he spent eight years pretending climate change didn't exist," said David Bookbinder, chief climate counsel for environmental group Sierra Club, referring to Bush.

"Obama, on the other hand, obviously is taking climate change very, very seriously and wants, reasonably enough, to talk to everyone about what to do ahead of Copenhagen."

James Connaughton, a former top environmental adviser to Bush, said the former president's motives were also focused on facilitating a UN pact.

"The point of this was to be able to inform and help accelerate progress in the UN," he told Reuters.

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New California fuel rules may violate trade provisions: Lawyer

California's new low-carbon fuel rules may be a violation of NAFTA and World Trade Organization provisions because they would unfairly limit exports of crude from Canada's oil sands to the state, a prominent Canadian trade lawyer said on Friday. **REUTERS**

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Business

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EU seeks to ban seal products

European ambassadors approved a European Union plan to ban imports of furs and other products from culled seals Friday, moving the 27-nation bloc one step closer to a trade clash with Norway and Canada. Both seal-hunting nations have warned the EU in recent weeks that they could challenge the EU ban at the World Trade Organization if it takes shape as currently foreseen. **REUTERS**

The rise of movie piracy

Recent leak of Wolverine film putting Hollywood on edge

The highly publicized leak of the yet-to-be released movie X-Men Origins: Wolverine on the Internet has shaken Hollywood, and some analysts say the theft represents the single biggest threat to the movie industry yet as it tries to survive in the digital age.

Unlike some smaller productions that might have been pirated, this one cost more than \$130 million US, so studio executives are anxiously waiting to see what impact more than 100,000 downloads might have at the box office.

No one is more nervous about the new digital reality than Hollywood. Studio bosses are ramping up se-

Canada under scrutiny

Earlier this year, the International Intellectual Property Alliance said Canada should be put on a watch list since it is the only member of the Or-

ganization for Economic Cooperation and Development to have taken "no meaningful steps toward modernizing its copyright law."

curity for the slew of movies due this summer, including Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince and Star Trek.

Piracy has also become a huge issue in Canada, where people are three times as likely as Americans to buy counterfeit goods, according to a 2007 Pollara survey for the anti-counterfeiting network lobby, with 40 per cent saying they knowingly pur-

chased illegal products.

The Canadian Motion Pictures Distributors Association estimates that trade in counterfeit goods caused an annual loss to the industry of \$225 million Cdn in 2005 alone, with the Canadian government forgoing \$34 million in tax revenue.

Still, despite the leak of Wolverine, things may not end up in disaster after all, said Charlie Keil, an associ-

ate professor of cinema studies at the University of Toronto.

"The publicity might help push the movie into the news, where the one per cent of the population that hasn't heard of it might go see it," Keil said.

One way to ensure that box office numbers stay healthy is to continue to give viewers a unique experience, he said. Bigger screens like the Imax format and novelties like 3-D movies is one way to go.

"People still see value in going to the movies and to share an experience with other like-minded fans," Keil said. "It's hard to replicate that experience in your basement."

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Japan Celebrating Akihabara



Japanese women dressed as maids carry the Akihabara "mikoshi," or portable shrine, at an event to promote Tokyo's Akihabara district yesterday. Akihabara in recent years has gained fame as a centre of the gaming, manga and animation culture. A major redevelopment of Akihabara Station and surroundings is nearing its completion, giving Akihabara a new face.

Small, aggressive rivals eyeing TMX stronghold

MARKETS Toronto Stock Exchange operator TMX Group, due to report first-quarter results this week, is expected to show it stayed solidly profitable even as the bear market raged.

But a bigger question may be whether its reign as Canada's dominant trading venue is coming to an end as aggressive new rivals fight to capture some of its market share.

Experts say Canada's trading landscape could soon resemble that of the United States or Europe, where smaller alternative trading venues have proliferated at the expense of long-established exchanges that once held an effective monopoly.

Last fall, the newest alternative trading system, or ATS, to sprout on the Canadian landscape caused a stir when it said it aimed to win a market

Market share

TMX saw its market share, on a value basis, drop to 91 per cent in the first quarter from 95 per cent in the fourth quarter, according to the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada.

share of about 20 per cent within its first year of business.

Backed by the investment dealer arms of Canada's big six banks, Alpha Trading Systems was seen by many as the challenger with the best chance of cutting away at the TMX's dominance.

Other alternative venues operating in Canada include Pure Trading, owned by CNSX Markets Inc., and Chi-X Canada, owned by Nomura Holdings Inc.'s Instinet.

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RIM forging ahead with Storm

WIRELESS Don't expect Research In Motion Ltd. to back away from its touchscreen technology just because its answer to the iPhone, the BlackBerry Storm, has met with less-than-stellar reviews.

That's one analyst's view after a discussion last week with RIM co-CEOs Mike Lazaridis and Jim Balsillie.

"In our view, RIM plans to advance its Storm touchscreen technology and

launch additional touchscreen products across multiple carriers," said Mike Abramsky, an analyst at RBC Capital Markets.

He added that improvements may include "advanced responsiveness and user experience."

RIM claimed demand for the Storm was among the reasons for the company's strong performance in its most recent quarter.

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Business in brief

WASHINGTON Finance chiefs from the Group of Seven powers said Friday the global economy may be past the worst phase of a recession, although recovery was not yet assured, and they pledged to make sure that big financial firms are sound.

AUTO The Canadian Auto Workers union and Chrysler Canada reached a concession deal on Friday that would cut about \$19 an hour from labour costs in a bid to keep the struggling automaker from bankruptcy.

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Sports

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Martin makes NFL history

Western lineman becomes first CIS underclassman ever taken in NFL draft

PERRY LEFKO
for Metro Canada

Vaughn Martin is looking forward to the next stage of his football career, one that has gone from the Canadian university level to the National Football League in only two years.

The San Diego Chargers selected the defensive lineman in the fourth round of the 2009 National Football League Draft yesterday. Martin, who played at the University of Western Ontario, opted to pass up his remaining three years of eligibility feeling he was ready to play professionally.

The 22-year-old, who was born in Jamaica and raised in London, Ont., became the first-ever Canadian university-produced underclassman to be drafted, and the highest-drafted



Martin, right, was such a dominant force in CIS that he drew interest from more than a dozen NFL teams before being drafted by San Diego.

player from a Canadian school since Mike Schadt went 23rd overall to the Rams from Queen's in 1986.

Chargers director of college scouting John Spanos said on the club's website that the organization values Martin's raw talent.

"Obviously he played at a lower level of competition than the typical Division I college, but our guys loved how he showed

flashes of dominance," Spanos said on the team's website. "He moves like a guy that is smaller. He has tremendous upside and his best football is ahead of him."

Martin said he is excited about the next stage of his football career.

"They said they would start me out at right defensive end and then work my way to nose," Martin added on the Chargers' website.

"I'm excited to play both positions and to play with the personnel they have. I have a lot to learn as far as technique. My quickness helped me with having to play a yard off, so playing a yard closer will be nice."

Martin's agent, Hadley Engelhard, likes Martin's upside.

"He's got some true talent, most of which has been untapped," Engelhard told Metro News. "When he gets to San Diego and learns the game, the ceiling is unlimited for him. Obviously they got a feel for him that he's a lot further along than people think. We weren't sur-

NFL draft notes

- The Detroit Lions made Georgia QB Matthew Stafford the first pick of the NFL Draft Saturday. The New York Jets traded three players and two picks to get the fifth selection from Cleveland, used to draft USC QB Mark Sanchez. The Buffalo Bills took Penn State DE Aaron Maybin and Louisville centre Eric Wood with their two first-rounders.

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prised where he went. We thought he'd go in the fourth or fifth round."

Martin recorded 62.5 defensive tackles, 4.5 sacks and three fumble recoveries in university and impressed NFL teams with his power and speed.

Engelhard said Martin could collect as much as \$750,000 U.S. in his first season alone combining base pay and a signing bonus.

Martin will immediately report to the Chargers and participate in their mini camp this weekend.



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Another series win for Jays

Scott Rolen hit a go-ahead RBI single in the eighth inning, helping the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Chicago White Sox 4-3 yesterday to secure their sixth straight series win this season. After a shaky start, Toronto starter Roy Halladay (4-1) settled down and retired 12 of the last 14 batters he faced. The Jays remain in first place in the American League East with a 14-6 record. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



New Yorker Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist is beaten by Viktor Kozlov of the Washington Capitals yesterday. The Caps won 5-3.

Caps beat Rangers to force Game 7

STANLEY CUP 2009 Playoffs

Tom Poti notched a goal and three assists to register a playoff career high for points and rookie Simeon Varlamov continued his strong play in net with 29 saves, as the Washington Capitals posted a dominating 5-3 win against the Rangers in Game 6 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final set in New York.

Alex Ovechkin, Mike Green, Milan Jurcina and Viktor Kozlov also found the back of the net for the second-seeded Capitals, who evened the series at three games apiece and will look to complete a

comeback from a 3-1 series deficit in tomorrow's decisive Game 7 in Washington, D.C.

The Capitals have only rallied from a 3-1 series deficit to win on one occasion, the 1988 Patrick Division semifinals against the Flyers. Washington is also trying to win its first playoff series since it made a run to the Stanley Cup Finals in 1998.

Hurricanes 4 Devils 0
Cam Ward made 28 saves for his third career playoff shutout, and Eric Staal scored twice as Carolina staved off elimination with a 4-0 victory over the New Jersey Devils to force a deciding Game 7 tomorrow. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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LeBron leads Cavs to sweep of Pistons

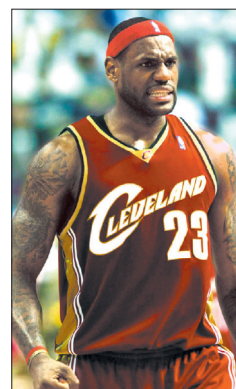
NBA 2009 Playoffs

LeBron James' near triple-double helped the Cavaliers show Detroit, the premier Eastern Conference franchise over the past decade, a quick exit from the post-season, as Cleveland completed a sweep of the Pistons with a 99-78 triumph in Game 4 of their quarterfinal series.

James led the top-seeded Cavaliers with 36 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists. Cleveland will now have plenty of rest before the conference semifinals, where it will face the winner of the Atlanta-Miami series.

The Heat currently lead the matchup 2-1.

The MVP candidate James also made 16 free



Cleveland's LeBron James reacts after scoring yesterday.

throws, as the Cavs sank 23-of-24 from the line overall in the win, their eighth straight over Detroit in the playoffs dating back to the 2007 conference finals.

Bulls 121 Celtics 118 (2OT)

Ben Gordon made a game-tying three-pointer near the end of the first overtime and John Salmons provided two key free throws and a block down the stretch in the second, as Chicago evened its Eastern Conference quarter-final series with a 121-118 double-OT win over Boston in Game 4.

Magic 84 76ers 81

Hedo Turkoglu drilled the game-winning three-pointer with 1.1 seconds remaining, helping the Magic even their Eastern Conference quarterfinals series with an 84-81 Game 4 triumph over the 76ers, the third game in the series to come down to the final possession. For a recap of the Blazers/Rockets game, visit metronews.ca/sports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Metro Workology exclusive: Paws and Claws

Be sure to read Workology and metronews.ca/work for our pet industry feature series Paws and Claws. Seen here is Fat Fat, the 3-year-old Pekingese, submitted by a loyal Metro reader. Also, be sure to check out Workology on Mondays AND Wednesdays from now on.



Workology

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New website for Winnipeg

The University of Winnipeg has launched the first phase of its redesigned website. A large graphic on the homepage links to the university "You of W" portal, as well as to information about academic programs, student awards, and sustainability initiatives. The site also links to uWinnipeg's \$70-million "A World of Opportunity" capital campaign.

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Pet haute couture

Paws and Claws

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada

Sunglasses for Shi Tzus, couture jackets for cats and mittens for miniature mutts? It's true — fashion has truly gone to the dogs.

Jeff Rustia, executive producer of the television show *Pet Fashion* on The Pet Network, has seen it all as more people indulge in the art of splurging people-pleasures on their pets.

"The whole pet fashion industry is just booming because pet owners love to treat their pets like their own kids — they like to nurture them, feed them well and dress them up," Rustia said.

The fashion world has wholeheartedly embraced pet fashion, with increasing numbers of pet-only fashion designers entering the market and powerhouse industry soirees taking place at *Pet Fashion Week* in New York twice a year. And, just like in the real fashion world, clothes exist at all pricing levels for plebes and princes alike.

"The trends in the fashion world very much mim-



Seen here are some of the pups that have been featured on *Pet Fashion*, which airs 7 p.m. ET on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays on The Pet Network.



ic the trends in the pet world. Like human fashion, there's the affordable fashion and then there's couture. This is big business," Rustia said.

Case-in-point: One show segment highlighted a \$600 hand-knit sweater for a Chihuahua that could make even the most frivolous spender wince.

Some stores in places like Los Angeles have even gone so far as to design their interiors to cater to four-legged shoppers, placing outfits on miniature racks lowered down to dog-height.

In a recent episode, *Pet Fashion* filmed a full doggy wedding, complete

with gowns, invitations, seating arrangements, table centrepieces and a huge wedding cake made out of organic dog biscuits. Rustia says such things show the pet industry has matured beyond basic necessities, toys and treats.

"For me it's just a fact that there is a market out there. This is a whole niche industry within the pet world that's absolutely insane, it's wild, it's incredible and it's amazing," Rustia said.

Rustia says the growth of pet fashion is all part of a push by owners to make their pets an extension of themselves.

"Often we catch pets

and pet owners not only dressing alike but behaving alike too. I think we see ourselves in our pets," Rustia said.

As for what Poochie thinks about his tight new little leather jacket, Rustia says not to worry.

"Dogs and cats are great about telling you rather quickly when they do not like something. For the most part, they get used to (the clothes) and they really like them," Rustia said.

For more of the Paws and Claws exclusive series check Workology frequently or stop by: metronews.ca/work

Death midwife helps ease grieving process

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Diane Peters

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When Shelley Sherriff's father died back in the 1980s, she and her siblings were by his side in his hospital room. After he had passed, they found they didn't want to leave him. They stayed in the room all day, until finally the hospital asked them to go home.

"I wondered if there was another way," Sherriff, now 56, asked herself back then. Sherriff spent many of the last few years caring for her aging mother, who was in her 90s when she died. Again, the process after the death felt impersonal.

So, the website designer, who lives in both Victoria and Salt Spring Island, started doing some research. She discovered a so-called death midwife named Jerri-grace Lyons in California who both offered and taught others about offering at-home funeral services that could be both personalized and were environmentally friendly.

Over the last year, Sherriff visited Lyons and took three of her training courses. Although it's not recognized by any official body, Sherriff was certified as a death midwife through Lyon's company Final Passages.

Now, Sherriff is hard at work setting up *Walking You Home*. When someone dies, the family can call her instead of a funeral home. She'll arrive and will help the family bathe and dress the body, which Sherriff says is often a very caring and meaningful experience. She can also provide a casket: Either one made of cardboard, or local pine that will biodegrade. (Many caskets are made from lacquered exotic hardwood with have metal parts on them and won't break down.) If they wish, the family can decorate the casket. "It's a great opportunity for people to process their grief in a creative way."

While she's not yet open for business, Sherriff has been talking to people in her community and they've shown a lot of interest in her services, which are cheaper, more personal and greener than the customary approach to death today.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Metro readers' best friends

Paws and Claws feature

• Metro would like thank everyone who has sent in a picture of their pet, we'll try to publish as many as we can throughout the month of April.



Here's Frank the Weinerdog (or Dachsund).



Here's Holly the Pembroke Welsh Corgi.



Here's Cooper, the Lhasa Apso.



Right: Here's Peanut, the rescued Yorkshire Terrier.



Left: Here's Chinook, the nine-year-old Malamute-Husky mix.

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Hollywood star Ashton Kutcher has donated \$100,000 US to the United Nations to aid the fight against malaria. Kutcher won the money after betting his Twitter.com site would gather one million followers before cnn.com. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Kutcher donates Twitter winnings

Entertainment

Wed again

Salma Hayek and her husband, François-Henri Pinault, held a lavish wedding ceremony in Venice, Italy, this weekend. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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Box office

- 1 Obsessed:**
\$28.5 million US
- 2 17 Again:**
\$11.7 million
- 3 Fighting:**
\$11.4 million
- 4 The Soloist:**
\$9.7 million
- 5 Earth:**
\$8.6 million
- 6 Monsters vs. Aliens:**
\$8.5 million
- 7 State of Play:**
\$6.9 million
- 8 Hannah Montana: The Movies:**
\$6.4 million
- 9 Fast & Furious:**
\$6.1 million
- 10 Crank: High Voltage:**
\$3.0 million **REUTERS**

M. Ward: Hold Time rocker

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

Antiquated: Not the word that immediately comes to mind when considering a chart-topping pop album. Yet it's the best means to describe the gracefulness of Newbury Park, Calif., native M. Ward and his sixth release, Hold Time (Merge Records).

There's a haunting familiarity to this folk-inspired singer/songwriter. Soft-spoken yet captivating, he mystifies and enraptures audiences with a velvety voice and smooth musical progressions that feel closer to orchestral movements performed by simplistic keyboards and guitars than a room full of classically-trained prodigies. Even Ward himself embraces the description. If Hold Time is antiquated,



Folk-inspired singer/songwriter M. Ward recently released his sixth album, Hold Time.

he's done his job right.

"That's my biggest inspiration," he beams about ghosts of musicians past. "I like older production and guitar styles and every record is an experiment. I try my best to keep things as new as possible but because I'm a fan of older music, I'm constantly getting reminders of little I know about every element of music. Hearing records from people like Django Reinhardt remind you of how much of a beginner you truly are."

Ward understands how unusual it is to be a 36-year-old independent folk musician with closer ties to the 1920s than the 2020s. Yet to him, writing and recording music today

"I like older production and guitar styles and every record is an experiment."

M. Ward

has become disposable; so common that anyone with a computer and a spare half-hour can create the next big single. Moreover, those "artists" burn bright and fast but fade quickly. As with his heroes though, Ward's music is slowly beginning to outshine those supernovas. His increasing popularity continues to blossom, proving that substance still beats style.

"I ask myself why I like older music more than current music all the time," he confesses. "I think it might have to do with having a closer relationship to the music I listened to growing up before I knew what music was. Somehow with music in memory, childhood and spirituality, there are a lot of overlapping circles. For some reason, certain songs loom large in those areas. Most of those songs were not written by people like (one would find) today."

As music forges on deeper into the digital age, this audiophile clings tighter to his analog ways. He only allows in enough technology to commit his craft to tape, not to undertake it. While others may have forgotten music's rudiments, to Ward, they are still very real; very present. Maybe that's why we find him so enigmatic. "There are pluses and minuses to having recording capabilities in every person's bedroom," he says, humbly dismissing the notion. "It makes life easy for everyone to record but not for everyone to hear. For myself, it's not much of an issue because I still stay pretty focused on my inspiration and I never feel a great pressure to stay on top of whoever's on the cover of Spin. It's for my own pleasure. That's how I did it when I first started and nothing's changed."

Obsessed lacking sex, thrills

Obsessed

Director: Steve Shill
Stars: Idris Elba, Beyoncé
Knowles
Classification: 14A
Rating: Ⓢ

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW For a movie that's being marketed as "this year's sexiest thriller," Obsessed certainly lacks some key components. Like sex and thrills for starters.

In fact, motivated characters, a sharper script and a consistent tone wouldn't have hurt the value of this so-called thriller either.

In the neutered Fatal Attraction wannabe, Idris El-



Beyoncé Knowles in Obsessed.

ba (RocknRolla) plays Derek Charles, a successful executive who suddenly finds himself the mark of an attractive office temp named Lisa (Ali Larter).

"I think you'll find I'm not your typical temp," she tells Derek — and boy, does she mean it. Soon, Lisa is seductively sidling

up to Derek at the office party, peeling off clothes in his parked car and sneaking into his hotel room. It would all be oh-so intriguing if Derek were tempted, but he's not — even though that aspect would've jacked up the drama exponentially.

Eventually, Obsessed does deliver what most fans may be anticipating — a saucy, over-the-top scrap between Larter and Knowles (I'm not spoiling anything — it's heavily featured in the trailer). But as entertaining as that campy sequence is, it doesn't fit the tone of the rest of the drama. It doesn't matter anyhow — you'll be deep into a catnap before the catfight even begins.

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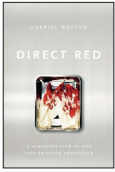
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Drama in a drama

ABC's *Lost*, and one of its stars find themselves the target of a nasty lawsuit. A former employee of the show is suing over her claims that she was sexually harassed by actor Henry Ian Cusick and then fired for complaining about it, according to Fox News. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



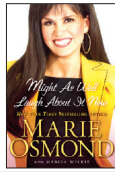
Opening up surgery's secrets



Direct Red

Author: Gabriel Weston
Publisher: Bond Street Books
Price: \$29.95 (Hardcover)

When one goes under the knife, anesthesia relieves having to feel the pain associated with serious surgery. But Gabriel Weston slices open this world unknown in *Direct Red*, her chronicle of life as a surgeon. The depiction begins with how an unlikely medical worker entered the profession after obtaining an unrelated arts degree. The story propels quickly with emotionally and physically graphic descriptions of what transpires when one is put under. Honest and direct, Weston shares her experiences to relay the challenging life of a surgeon and to unearth an insider medical world, once seen only by the profession's practitioners.



Might As Well Laugh About It Now

Author: Marie Osmond with Marcia Wilkie
Publisher: Penguin Canada
Price: \$31 (Hardcover)

For 46 years, Marie Osmond has lived her life in public. From the age of three, performing with The Osmond Brothers on *The Andy Williams Show*, she's had her share of the spotlight—but it's not always been glamorous. In this memoir, Osmond reviews the triumphs and blunders she's encountered along her journey through stardom. While at times mundane, like her shameless promotion of NutriSystem, Osmond does open up and offer candid reflections on her struggles with weight and juggling eight children.



The Origin of Species

Author: Nino Ricci
Publisher: Anchor Canada
Price: \$22 (Paperback)

Winner of the 2008 Governor General's Literary Award for fiction, *The Origin of Species* is a fictional observation on the purpose of existence and the beauty of life. Toronto novelist Nino Ricci introduces protagonist Alex Fratarcangel, living in 1980s Montreal. The grad student is perturbed by his past relationships and the point of his life, leading him to seek a therapist. The therapy he receives and several influential characters with their own afflictions leads Alex to realize life lessons learned in years past that now become strikingly clear.

BRIAN COULTON/FOR METRO CANADA

BookPicks

Golden Girls star Arthur dies at 86

DEATH Emmy Award-winning actress Bea Arthur, best known as star of the hit TV comedies *Maude* and *Golden Girls*, has died at age 86, entertainment news websites reported Saturday.

Arthur, a longtime stage actress whose comic timing and deadpan delivery were a perfect fit for her sharp-tongued roles on the two series, died of cancer at her Los Angeles home, celebrity website TMZ reported.

Representatives for the actress, who won best-actress Emmys — America's top television award — for *Maude* and *Golden Girls*, could not immediately be reached for comment.

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Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt

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Stripper stand-in at reunion earns comedy writer Hollywood fame

Comedy writer Andrea Wachner hated the idea of going to her 10-year high school reunion so much that she hired a stripper to go instead, and what followed, she says, was a comical study in human nature.

Her story is detailed in a nearly 40-minute documentary directed by Wachner that, because of issues surrounding its length and getting approval to show it from former classmates, may never be seen — not even by her parents.

But the 31-year-old Los Angeles resident said on Friday she hopes it will someday and even if not, Hollywood already has come knocking on her door. She has written a feature film script based on her story, is trying to sell a reality TV show from it, has appeared on cable news channel CNN, and is scheduled to be on ABC's morning chat show *Good Morning America*.

"I've been so lucky throughout this whole experience. Everything that could go wrong, went right," she told Reuters. "I

love the way it all turned out."

But some of her classmates don't.

"There

have been a few people that were pretty vitriolic, and I have received some angry letters," she said.

In 1995, Wachner graduated from Palos Verdes Peninsula High School in an upscale Los Angeles-area neighborhood and never looked back. She left for New York City, where she attended New York University, graduating in 2000. When she received the invitation to attend her 10-year reunion, she said she would not have dreamed of going because she hated her years at the school, where BMW and Mercedes-Benz cars were prized possessions.

But Wachner did want to see how people would react if the self-described "drama geek" showed up a changed woman — a strip-

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Comedy writer
Andrea Wachner

per, no less.

So, she hired Amy Bernadette "Cricket" Russell,

whom she met at a Los Angeles strip club, to impersonate her. Cricket showed up in a slinky

dress, fishnet hose and spike heels.

Judging from the film's promotional trailer, a few people may have been fooled and a few were not. Andrea — make that Cricket — got one invitation for a private performance.

Wachner said she did not set out to embarrass or make fun of classmates. Rather, she wanted to see how they would react if their old stereotype of Wachner was turned upside down.

"I love taking things that exist in the world as given — things that are mainstream, notions that people take for granted — and making people re-think them," she said.

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critics'corner

The Fiddle and the Drum

That Joni Mitchell's got her hand in almost everything! Alberta Ballet artistic director Jean Grande-Maitre and songwriter Mitchell got together and came up with a ballet set to her music and performed in front of shots of her artwork. Yes, she paints, too. Influencing Mitchell's music and art are her concerns about the environment and war. 7 PM on 40 BVO



Chuck

Chuck must save Ellie's life and keep her wedding to Awesome from being ruined by Ted Roark (guest star Chevy Chase) and Fulcrum. Morgan Fairchild, Bruce Boxleitner, Tony Hale and Scott Bakula also guest star in the season finale, "Chuck vs. the Ring." 8 PM on 15 City 9 NBC

CSI: Miami

It's not unusual for network executives to turn to reality television to deliver some killer ratings, but it's the real-life murder of a reality star that causes Horatio and the CSI team to delve into the world of a TV dating show in the new episode "Dead on Arrival." 10 PM on 13 CBS 7 CTV 104 CTV

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Bon Jovi's marriage secret
Jon Bon Jovi revealed the secret to his lasting marriage to Dorothea Hurley: He's survived for almost two decades because he lives in fear of upsetting his spouse. "Let's get that right here, right now. I'm afraid of my wife," he confessed. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

Celebrity Buzz

Lindsay's weight loss a cry for help?

BREAKUP Lindsay Lohan has been getting dangerously thin, and her friends claim it's a cry for help after her breakup from Samantha Ronson.

"She is a self-destructive person," a source tells People magazine. "It's all part of her cry for attention. She wants Sam to see how bad she's hurting and she wants Hollywood to see her as a 'tortured artist' who is wasting away."



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Miley's dilemma: Justin or Nick?

RELATIONSHIP Miley Cyrus finds herself torn between boyfriend Justin Gaston and ex Nick Jonas, according to Gatecrasher. "I think Miley and Nick are definitely in the process of rekindling their romance," a source says, spilling that Cyrus recently got close to Jonas on a visit to his home.

"Nick's parents have this rule that when a girl is over, the door has to be open, but that didn't stop Nick and Miley from making out."

Another source claims Jonas is pushing Cyrus to end things with Gaston before they go any further.

"She doesn't know how to tell Justin that they're over, but Nick is being very firm with her."

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Spence and Heidi marry — again

MARRIAGE Heidi Montag is officially Mrs. Spencer Pratt, people.com reports. The Hills stars got married in an early evening ceremony at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Pasadena, Calif., on Saturday, People has confirmed. Montag, 22, and Pratt, 25, exchanged vows before about 200 guests, including Audrina Patridge, Kristin Cavallari, Brody Jenner and Frankie Delgado.

The bride wore jewels from Neil Lane, including a pear-shaped diamond floral necklace with multiple

diamond chains layered over it, diamond earrings and diamond hairpins, which she picked out the day before the nuptials. Pratt borrowed a pair of diamond cufflinks from the jeweller for the big day.

The couple arrived at the church in a white Rolls Royce Phantom. Before the ceremony, an airplane flew overhead and wrote "Spencer loves Heidi" in the sky. Pratt, in a black suit, smiled and signed autographs for fans outside the church.

Meanwhile, Montag

posted multiple updates on Twitter throughout the day. "This is going to be the best day of my life," she wrote at one point. "Thank you God for Spencer." She also described her wedding dress as

"amazing — like a swan princess."

After the ceremony, the newlyweds kissed on the church steps. Wedding guests threw rose petals at the

couple, who left for the reception in a black Rolls Royce Phantom.

The night before the ceremony, the couple held a rehearsal dinner at Wolfgang Puck's Cut. The dinner included about 40 guests — and camera crews, which filmed the events, including the couple's heartfelt toasts.

The wedding comes five months after the pair flew to Mexico for an impromptu ceremony. The Mexican celebration did not include family and friends.

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Kristen and Robert a pair?

RUMOUR Another day, another rumour seemingly designed to set the Twilight-obsessed masses aquiver, wonderwall.msn.com reports.

Days after hinting that there's "something smoldering" between stars Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart, E!'s Ted Casablanca claims they were spotted last weekend holding hands while perusing the aisles of a grocery store in Vancouver, where they're filming New Moon.

According to a spy, the pair paused in

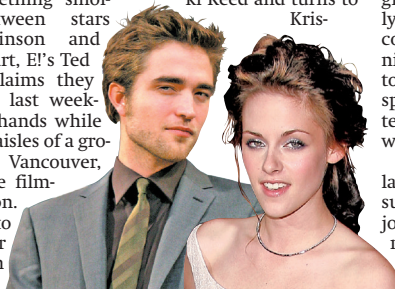
front of the tabloids and "giggled" over their own headlines, which included Life & Style's cover story, "Twilight Heartbreak: A huge fight erupts as Robert ends his affair with Nikki Reed and turns to Kris-

ten, the girl he can't have."

Word is, once fellow shoppers noticed them and started gawking, the erstwhile Bella and Edward kept their digits to themselves. Still, the apparent grocery run wasn't the only weekend outing for the co-stars. On Saturday night, they were snapped together — with plenty of space between them — after a night on the town with castmate Reed.

Pattinson, however, laughs off the chatter as surreal. "It becomes a joke," he told Entertainment Tonight.

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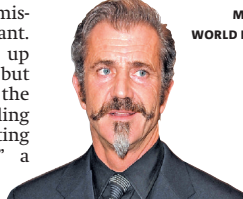
Lovechild the last straw for Mel's wife?

RUMOUR The divorce drama for Mel Gibson doesn't seem to be calming down anytime soon.

The Sun now reports that the Braveheart star's wife filed for divorce when she learned that Oksana

Grigorieva, his alleged mistress, might be pregnant.

Robyn Gibson "put up with Mel for years but when she found out" the Russian singer was telling friends she was expecting "was the last straw," a source said.



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Rihanna's borrowed bling brouhaha

LEGAL Four jewellers who lent Rihanna approximately \$1 million US worth of accessories the night of her alleged beating by Chris Brown want their bling back, people.com reports.

Since late March, Rihanna, 21, has been trying to recover the borrowed jewelry from the LAPD, who took the items into evidence in their probe.

"Since there appears to be no evidentiary value to the continued holding of this jewelry ... we respectfully (ask) the court to order the return of this property to (Rihanna)," her lawyer Donald Etra wrote in a court request filed earlier this week.

The items were described as two yellow metal hoop

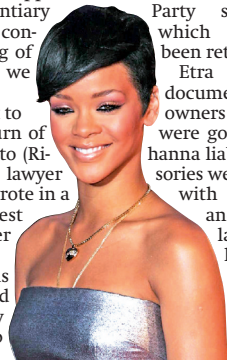
earrings with white stones; one yellow metal ring with white and green stones; two yellow metal rings with white stones.

"If the DA doesn't need the items, and the LAPD doesn't need the items, there's no reason why they shouldn't be returned," Etra tells People.

A source adds that Rihanna also borrowed a Gucci dress for the Feb. 7 Clive Davis Pre-Grammy Party she attended, which also has not been returned.

Etra states in the documents that the owners of the jewelry were going to hold Rihanna liable if the accessories weren't returned, with the total cost and damages related to their late return as more than \$1.4 million.

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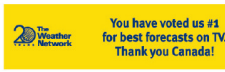
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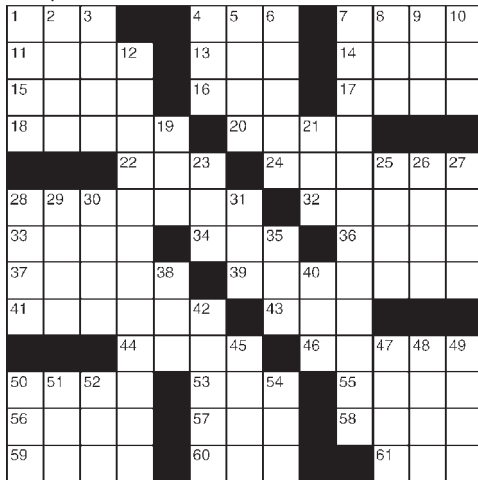
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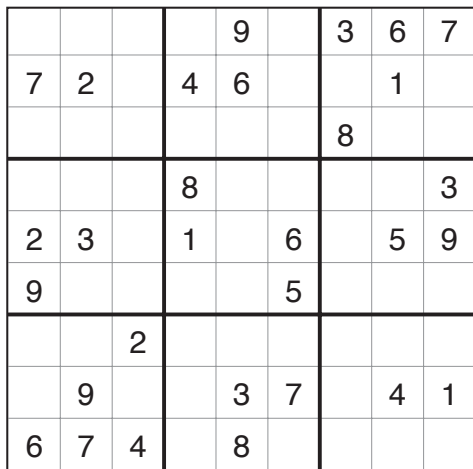
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Crossword across

- 1 Proscribe
- 4 Pugilistic ploy
- 7 Greek salad ingredient
- 11 Venusian fleet?
- 13 Puncturing tool
- 14 Leave out
- 15 Creche trio
- 16 Sticky stuff
- 17 Ancient letter
- 18 Sub
- 20 LummoX
- 22 Afternoon affair
- 24 Soul
- 28 Watch the kids
- 32 Moral principle
- 33 Grad
- 34 Treasure seeker's aid
- 36 Long lunch?
- 37 Helvetica lack
- 39 Inhabitant
- 41 Anatomical rupture
- 43 Teensy
- 44 Pre-swan
- 46 Duck
- 50 Shock
- 53 Once around
- 55 "Zounds!"
- 56 Pennsylvania port
- 57 Have bills
- 58 Fax
- 59 Hotel furniture
- 60 Potent stick
- 61 Rotation duration

Crossword down

- 1 Ecdysiast's move
- 2 Somewhere out there
- 3 "Fuggedaboutit"
- 4 Binge
- 5 MP's quarry
- 6 High-arc baseball pitch
- 7 Ali Baba's foes
- 8 Flightless bird
- 9 Bronze component
- 10 Noshed on
- 12 Andy Rooney's show
- 19 Thumbs-up
- 21 Employ
- 23 Intention
- 25 At so-and-so's house (Fr.)
- 26 Take on
- 27 Greenspan's field (Abbr.)
- 28 Hit hard
- 29 Sheltered
- 30 "Ironsides" star
- 31 Slight amount
- 35 Church seat
- 38 Newton ingredient
- 40 Born
- 42 Apportion
- 45 Show boredom
- 47 On in years
- 48 Carvey or Delany
- 49 Vortex
- 50 Dubya's brother
- 51 Raw rock
- 52 Cover
- 54 Favourite

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



5	8	2	4	6	1	3	7	9
7	6	1	9	5	3	2	8	4
3	9	4	7	8	2	5	6	1
6	2	7	3	1	4	8	9	5
8	4	3	2	9	5	6	1	7
9	1	5	8	7	6	4	2	3
1	3	8	5	2	7	9	4	6
4	7	9	6	3	8	1	5	2
2	5	6	1	4	9	7	3	8

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min Genius
 13-17 min Scholar
 17-21 min Smart
 21-25 min Not bad
 25+ min Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Grilled Rosemary Chicken

INGREDIENTS:

8 sprigs of rosemary, each about 2 in. (5 cm) long
 8 large chicken thighs
 1 lb (450 g) new potatoes
 Salt and black pepper
 5 tbsp (75 ml) olive oil
 2 large cloves garlic
 6 tbsp (90 ml) good-quality mayonnaise

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high and boil water in kettle. Rinse and dry rosemary and insert sprig under the skin on each chicken thigh.
 2. Scrub potatoes, put into a pot, cover them with boiling water, and add a little salt. Bring back to boil and cook until tender, 15 minutes.
 3. Meanwhile, arrange chicken, skin-sides down, on grill rack. Brush with 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and broil 10 minutes. Turn thighs, brush with 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) oil, season and cook 10 min-

utes more, until skin is golden and crisp. Turn off broiler, but leave chicken in oven to keep warm.
 4. While chicken is cooking, put remaining oil into small pot. Peel garlic, crush into oil and shake over moderate heat until just beginning to sizzle. Turn off heat. Beat in mayonnaise with 2 tbsp (25 ml) very hot water from kettle, then cover and keep warm.
 5. Drain potatoes, return to pot and crush with fork until roughly broken open and slightly flattened.
 6. Divide chicken thighs potatoes among 4 plates. Spoon over mayonnaise, sprinkle with black pepper, and serve.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
 Don't fool around with a bashful person. Uncertainty crops up about debts. Mechanical problems provoke harsh words.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
 A newcomer's purpose will be revealed. Someone has a good financial move in the works. A handshake isn't as reassuring as a kiss.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
 You'll succeed beyond your wildest dreams. Avoidable anxieties only waste your time. Shabby treatment leads to hurt feelings.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
 A situation has to work itself out. An oracle doesn't see the whole picture. A flowery conversation proves to be inadequate.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
 Meet with the people who make the decisions. Someone's child needs more respect. An infatuation is getting to be outrageous.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 22-DEC 21
 There's something you forgot to do. Shun a frustrating neighbour for the last time. The bearer of bad news gets unexpected guests.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
 You'll be in agreement with a plan. A friend is thrilled by unusual matchmaking. Don't tease a boaster who wins a prize.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
 Someone desperately wants something from you. Smile when confronted by an impolite person. Do not show disdain for anyone.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
 Humorous fanatics put an end to sentimentality. A renegade does a good deed. The loss of freedom drives you crazy.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
 Give your support only if a man responds to messages. A greedy woman is disgusting. Scandal breaks out after a public breakdown.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
 When disgruntlement causes exhaustion — take a vacation. An obstacle contributes to a problem. A cruel person has revenge in mind.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
 A strange event won't squander good moments. Don't try to correct any foolish choices. Explain messages to avoid breaking a heart.



WORDY GURDY

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE, and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

- Reimbursed housekeeper (1)
- Betray Supremes' leader Diana (1)
- Forbid entry to "Oz" Ron Bert (1)
- Paper fastener in a syrup tree (2)
- Coven members' things to scratch (2)
- Staggering backward sensation (2)
- Seamon's mobile homes (2)

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 APRIL 27, 1810: Beethoven composes his famous piano piece, *Für Elise*.
 APRIL 27, 1959: The last Canadian missionary leaves the People's Republic of China.
 APRIL 27, 1967: Expo 67 officially opens in Montreal with a large opening ceremony broadcast around the world. It opens to the public the next day.

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